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SUBJ: KUWAITI REACTION TO GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
JIDDA

1. DURING CALL ON KUWAITI FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD JULY 21 I ASKED HIM WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY WAY OF GULF REGIONAL SECURITY PACT AT RECENT GULF FONMINS MEETING IN JIDDA. (I TOLD SABAH I HAD OPINED IN ANSWER QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON THAT KUWAIT WOULD PROBABLY NOT DIRECTLY OPPOSE WISHES OF BIGGER COUNTRIES BUT ITSELF WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR FORMALIZED PACT).

2. FONMIN SAID THAT, IN REPLY EARLIER IRAQI APPROACHES, KUWAITIS ASKED PURPOSE OF SUCH A PACT. IT OBVIOUSLY NOT CREDIBLE AGAINST GIANTS US AND RUSSIA AND, IF NOT THEM, AGAINST WHOM? SABAH SAID IRAQIS HAD OFFERED NO CLEAR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, AND JIDDA MEETING HAD SHED NO LIGHT ON MATTER EITHER.

3. SABAH CONFIRMED NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN JIDDA. HE
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ADDED IT WAS GOK VIEW GULF FONMINS WOULD OCCUPY THEIR TIME

BETTER WORKING ON REGION'S PROBLEMS, SUCH AS KUWAITI-IRAQI
BORDER, UAE-IRAN RELATIONS AND DHOFAR THAN ON DEVISING MILITARY
PACT, PURPOSE OF WHICH SEEMED TO BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE.
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